

### **AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

20. (Currently amended) A macroporous ceramic having pores ~~of at least 0.5  $\mu$ m and in~~  
the range of 0.5  $\mu$ m to 5  $\mu$ m of substantially uniform diameter uniformly dispersed  
therein.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously added) The macroporous ceramic of claim 20 in which the ceramic is a  
metal oxide.

23. (Previously amended) The macroporous ceramic of claim 20 in which ~~said~~ the  
ceramic is a metal oxide is selected from the group consisting of titanium dioxide,  
zirconium dioxide and silicon dioxide.

24. (New) The macroporous ceramic of claim 20 in which said pores have a maximum  
pore size difference of 20%.